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PAUL'S NOTE

As many of you know, I have been pushing for a "warrant day" where people with unpaid court fines would get a chance to pay off a portion of those fines and have their records cleared.

The city is carrying 40,000 warrants for unpaid fines. That amounts to \$118 million in unpaid fines. Even if we were to forgive part of those fines to people who come in on a special "warrant day," the amount of money we get, money we can't now collect, would be significant. Also, we would not be paying to jail these minor offenders should someone happen to pull them over for another offense.

Tucson City Court announced that they will be doing a "warrant day" on August 8. They are still setting details on the time, but they will be having it at the Tucson City Court building at 103 W Alameda St. If you are unsure if you have a warrant, you can look it up at tucsonaz.gov/courts.

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I had the chance to meet with TORCA, the Tucson

Off-road Racing Cyclist Association. This organization dedicates its time to improving mountain biking resources here in Tucson. Mountain biking helps drive our tourist evonomy. A study by the Arizona Department of Transportation in 2013 found that 39,000 out-of-state tourists a year visit Arizona for biking opportunities.

TORCA is active here on the Eastside, and have done a terrific job representing Tucson in the mountain biking community nationally. Tucson's unique ecology and geology makes it a great off-road biking destination. I hope to talk to VisitTucson and see what our city can do to further promote this great opportunity to show off our city, and earn some sales tax too.

More about TORCA can be found at their website: http://www.torca.org

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FC Tucson is in the divisional playoffs this weekend. I talk about FC Tucson a lot, and I'm proud to have been part of the beginning of that team.

In the time they've been

around, we've had an entertaining team to watch as well as internationally known players who have graced our community every March as part of soccer preseason. And it's not just on the men's side: six of the players we all watched in the Women's World Cup played here as part of preseason.

They have further solidified their community ties with a youth academy, a women's team (one that did very well this year) and a partnership with Tucson Medical Center to educate players and coaches on concussions.

Friday night, they will be playing at Kino North Stadium against Kitsap Pumas, a team that knocked them out of the playoffs last year. Good luck FC Tucson and do us proud.

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Happy 81st birthday to Claire Weeks, the former president of the Terra del Sol Neighborhood Association. I inherited Claire, Terra del Sol and the park that now bears her name Page 2 Paul Cunningham

PAUL'S NOTE (CONTINUED)

from councilmember Scott after redistricting and I've seen the tremendous work she's done in this community. Thank you, Claire!

FREE RIDE DAY

To celebrate the one-year anniversary of the Streetcar, July 25 will be free ride day.

Thanks to generous support and donations from Friends of the Tucson Streetcar, Tucson Medical Center and Tucson Electric Power, Sun Link Streetcar fares will be free all day on Saturday, July 25. Service hours on Saturdays are from 8 am to 2 am Sunday morning.

If you board at the Mercado at 7 am that day, you will be treated to a special on-board performance by jazz/r & b vocalist Crystal Stark.

CAROL WEST SENIOR CENTER



Roadhouse Cinema: A field trip is scheduled to the Roadhouse Cinema on Thursday, July 30. Departure from the Carol West Senior Addition is 11:00 a.m. and return is 3:00 p.m.The cost is \$8.00 and the price includes movie, popcorn, and lemonade.

For additional questions, please contact the Carol West Senior Addition, 791-4121. Sign-ups for the activities are done at the front desk.

HOUGHTON ROAD UPDATE

Broadway Intersection Park & Ride: We are very happy to announce that the Park and Ride is now available to use. Sun Tran routes 8, 108 express, and 4 are now stopping at this facility. Details are available at http://suntran.com/commuter_park.php. The bus driver offices/restrooms building has been installed, and we are wrapping up the final utility and security camera connections.

Broadway Boulevard to 22nd Street: Scheduled for completion September 20, 2016. We have had more excitement then we planned on this project.

As you know, we had the intersection closed this past weekend to install new water lines in the middle of the intersection. This approach saved us three weeks of very restricted travel through the area, and we were lucky to not have the rains to contend with.

Monday evening the old existing water line (4 feet away from the new line, which is not yet activated) developed a crack and blew a leak, disrupting traffic. The contractor, along with Tucson Water, was able to repair the old line and have traffic moving again before midnight. We temporarily have engineered fill in place, and as soon as we can get a pavement truck out, we will get that area paved again. We apologize for the unexpected inconvenience to those without water, and to those traveling through the area. After we get the new water lines activated, we will be removing this old line.

Last Friday we unexpectedly hit a small underground power line in the area of Camino Quince, and we had about sixteen neighbors without power for a short period of time. Again, we apologize for that inconvenience as well.

Houghton is a large utility corridor, and this presents additional challenges.

Thank you for your understanding and patience.

No changes are anticipated to traffic impacts this week.

Adjacent project: Broadway Boulevard: Camino Seco to Houghton Roadway Improvements project has started the design phase. Keep an eye out for upcoming open houses sometime in August and November. We will keep you updated as we hear. This project was accelerated from its original schedule to bring the pavement upgrades to you as soon as possible and in the most efficient way. If you have any questions about this project you may contact Sam Credio at 520-837-6641.

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PARKS PROGRAMS

Spring Swim Schedule: The Spring Swim schedule for Udall Park and Ft. Lowell Park started April 1st. Contact the Aquatics Division at 791-4245/791-5352 or visit http://www.tucsonaz.gov/parks/aquatics#hours for pool locations and swim schedule.

Summer 2015 Program Guide and Class Catalog: The Summer 2015 Program Guide and Class Catalog is available. The catalog can be picked-up at all Parks and Recreation facilities. It can be viewed on-line at www.ezeereg.com Contact the Registration Office at 791-4877 for additional information.

Summer Road Races and Track and Field: Summer Track and Field events will be held at Roy Drachman Stadium near Plummer &15th every Tuesday through July 15.

Summer Road Races will be held each Thursday thru July 16 at various parks around Tucson. For more information, call 791-4870.

Onsite registration for both events begins at 5:45 pm with the competition starting at 6:30 pm. Registration is \$3 for children and \$4 for adults. Ribbons will be given to the top finishers. For details, please call 791-4870.

Fall Softball Program: The Fall 2015 Softball season begins August 31. Registration for the program begins at 8:00 a.m. on August 3. A location for registration has not been determined. The information will be posted mid July. Please contact the Sports Unit at 791-4870 for questions.

Jennie Finch Softball Camp: The City of Tucson Parks and Recreation Department, along with Visit Tucson and Pima Community College, is honored to host the Jennie Finch Softball Camp at the Lincoln Park Softball Complex, 8116 E. Escalante Road, for all girls third grade and up. Camp will be held Oct. 24-25, 2015. Join Jennie Finch and her Olympic and professional softball teammates for two full days of personal instruction covering all aspects of softball. Come and learn from the best softball players in the world and discover what it takes to be a champion on and off the field.

Advanced registration is required and participation is limited. The cost is \$195 per camper or register 10 or more girls together to receive a 10 percent team discount. Campers will receive lunch both days, official camp t-shirt, autographed photo of Jennie Finch, certificate of participation, and a photo taken with Jennie and her medals. There will be a question and answer time for campers, coaches and parents, Finch Windmill demonstration, pitching demonstration by Jennie, hitting demonstrations by professional coaches, and drawings for prizes. Participants can register now at www.JennieFinch.com.

Recreation Center Closures for Annual Cleaning:

Clements—Aug 17-22 Freedom—Not yet determined Randolph—Aug 3-8

Udall—Aug 10-15 ARC—Aug 10-15

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Tucsonaz.gov/ ward2 Remember to like Paul on Facebook! Please bring these items to the Ward 2 Office for the following charities:

THE COMMUNITY FOOD BANK—Non Perishable Items

DIAPER BANK OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA— Infant/Child/Adult Diapers

TIHAN - Personal Care Items for Individuals and Families in Need

LIONS CLUB—Eye Glasses

DANCING IN THE STREETS ARIZONA—Ballet/ Dance Equipment

CASA MARIA—Plastic bags

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

The next Mayor and Council meeting will be on Tuesday, August 5. Regular Session starts at 5:30 pm following an afternoon study session.

There is always a short call to the audience before the business portion of the meeting.

Council chambers are located downtown at 255 W Alameda.

The agendas for the meetings are posted online at http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/clerks/mcdocs

